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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David P. Rashid (examiner). (3) Joseph Young (Reg. no. 45,248).
 (2) Vikkram Bali (primary examiner). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 05 November 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Weston (US 5,434,627 A); Balasubramanian et al (Gamut Mapping to Preserve Spatial Luminance Variations).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative discussed the issues outlined in Attachment A. A response with the arguments will follow.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Attachment A

Rashid, David

From: Young, Joseph OGC [Joseph.Young@xerox.com]
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David,

The two primary areas of discussion will involve the rejection of claim 1 over Weston and claim 23 over a paper by one of the authors.

Claim 1: Specifically, I do not believe Weston shows or suggests adjusting a luminance component of a color image based upon at least one high pass filtered chrominance component of the color image. It appears to simply disclose separating the chrominance signals from the luminance signal and then recombining them, which does not adjust the luminance signal. Separating the components of a signal and recombining them I believe is old. However, modifying the luminance component of an image signal by the chrominance component of an image signal I believe is new.

Claim 23: In the Author/Applicant's own words: "I don't understand the examiner's reasoning. I re-read the paragraph (which I wrote!). We describe the concept of the same input color being mapped to different output colors depending on spatial surround....but we do NOT make any explicit mention of mapping to different grayscale values. (We hadn't even thought of this idea at that time....it wasn't obvious even to us, the inventors!) Yes, color-to-gray can be thought of as a form of gamut-mapping - but it is rather extreme form of gamut-mapping, and calls for very different techniques."

Joe